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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

The following remarks are being submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2000.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-23 are subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121. Reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The Examiner has required that applicants restrict the claims of the present application to one of the following Groups:

- I. Claims 1-13, drawn to hydrogenated starch hydrolysate and products;